

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 2 including, prior to said forwarding:~~ An event-driven flow control method in a switching node comprising at least one shared resource, the status of said at least one shared resource being determined by an associated resource metering unit characterizing the occupancy of said at least one shared resource, said method, using a timer, comprising:
 - in said shared resource,
 - generating an event when the occupancy of said at least one shared resource changes; and,
 - transmitting said event to devices sharing said at least one shared resource;
 - each time said timer elapses,
 - getting a partial status of said at least one shared resource; and,
 - transmitting said partial status to devices sharing said at least one shared resource; and
 - in devices sharing said at least one shared resource,
 - updating a local status based on said partial status and on said events;
 - checking said local status for completeness;

- determining whether enough of said events and of said partial status have been gathered; and,
- if enough of said events and of said partial status have been gathered ~~enabling said forwarding step,~~
- forwarding traffic according to said local status.

4-21. (Cancelled)